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SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of a Suspended) Arizona Supreme Court
Member of the State Bar of) No. SB-03-0001-D
Arizona)
) Disciplinary Commission
STEVE T. SKIVINGTON,) Nos. 97-2401
Attorney No. 006639) 97-2514
) 98-1071
Respondent.)
) **JUDGMENT AND ORDER**

This matter having come on for hearing before the Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Arizona, it having duly rendered its decision and no discretionary or sua sponte review occurring,

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that **STEVE T. SKIVINGTON**, a suspended member of the State Bar of Arizona, is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of four (4) years, retroactive to December 17, 1997, for conduct in violation of his duties and obligations as a lawyer, as disclosed in the Commission report attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **STEVE T. SKIVINGTON** does not need to apply for reinstatement as he has been reinstated this date by the Court in SB-03-0002-R.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that effective the date of this Judgment and Order, **STEVE T. SKIVINGTON** shall be placed on probation for a period of one (1) year under the following terms and conditions:

1. Respondent shall participate in the State Bar of Arizona's Member Assistance Program (MAP). Respondent is presently living in Nevada and in treatment on a monthly basis with Dr. Ron Zedek, M.D., Psychiatrist. Respondent shall continue treatment with Dr. Zedek for as long and as often as Dr. Zedek determines appropriate. Dr. Zedek agrees to supply the State Bar of Arizona, specifically MAP, with quarterly reports as to Respondent's condition and fitness to practice law. Additionally, Dr. Zedek agrees to report to the State Bar of Arizona if Respondent fails to report for his appointments or take his medications.

2. In the event that Respondent fails to comply with any of the foregoing conditions, and information thereof is received by the State Bar, bar counsel shall file with the Hearing Officer a Notice of

Non-Compliance. The Hearing Officer shall conduct a hearing at the earliest practicable date, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after receipt of notice, to determine whether a condition of probation has been breached and, if so, to recommend an appropriate sanction therefore. In the event there is an allegation that any of these terms have been breached, the burden of proof shall be on the State Bar of Arizona to prove non-compliance by a preponderance of the evidence.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should **STEVE T. SKIVINGTON** return to the practice of law in the state of Arizona, then he must notify the State Bar of Arizona of his return to practice and, within thirty (30) days, contact the Director of the State Bar of Arizona's Law Office Management Assistance Program (LOMAP) to be assessed and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with terms deemed appropriate by the LOMAP Director.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **STEVE T. SKIVINGTON** shall pay in full any and all claims paid by the Client Protection Fund, not to exceed the maximum permissible payment of \$100,000.00.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 52(a)(8), the State Bar of Arizona is granted judgment against **STEVE T. SKIVINGTON** for costs and expenses of these proceedings in the amount of \$744.80, together with interest at the legal rate from the date of this judgment.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2003.



NOËL K. DESSAINT
Clerk of the Court

The foregoing instrument is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in this office.

ATTEST

Noel K. Dessaint, Clerk of the Supreme Court
State of Arizona

By Karen Selzer Deputy

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